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Greetings from the **1st Vice Commander**

Don Smoley 1st Vice Commander American Legion Post 712

Thanks to all of those members (Post and Riders) who participated in

the Memorial Day services at the Jefferson Memorial Cemetery and the memorials at Bill Green's Shopping Center, Thomas Jefferson High School, and the Post.

Thank you is given to those Post members and Riders who put American flags on veterans' graves at three locations, one of which was an old Revolutionary War cemetery at the end of Gill Hall Road. This one is hard to find and is so old that some of the inscriptions on the gravestones were totally worn off. Flags were placed at the memorial at Bill Green's Shopping Center and the memorial at Thomas Jefferson High School. This activity was well attended.

On behalf of our members, I would like to send well wishes to Pat Weidmann.

Our annual picnic will be held on August 11, 2018 at Jefferson Park. The picnic will be catered but the cost is to be determined.

God Bless OurTroops and Our Country

Don Smoley

1st Vice Commander

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From the Desk of the Adjutant

Thad Weidmann

We need your help. We are at risk of having to disband our Honor Guard. Many of our members who have faithfully served our fellow veterans for years in this noble function for funerals, Veteran Ceremonies etc. are no longer able to participate because of age and medical limitations. Because of this, we were unable to be at the funeral home for several of our fellow veterans before they went to their final resting place. If you can donate some time to this function, please leave your name and phone number with the bartender or call the Legion at 412-653-1555. We will provide uniforms and any equipment that would be needed. Thank you in advance for your support.





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FRIDAY NITE DINNER SPECIALS No Smoking 4 - 9

> JUNE 1 Chicken Parmesan

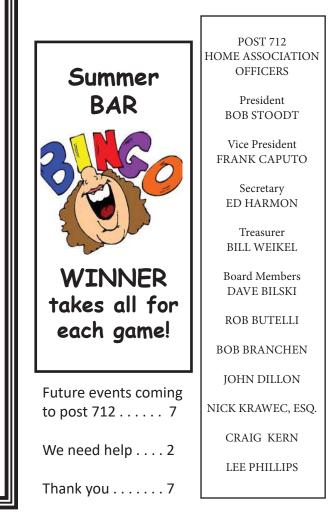
JUNE 8 Breaded Pork Chops

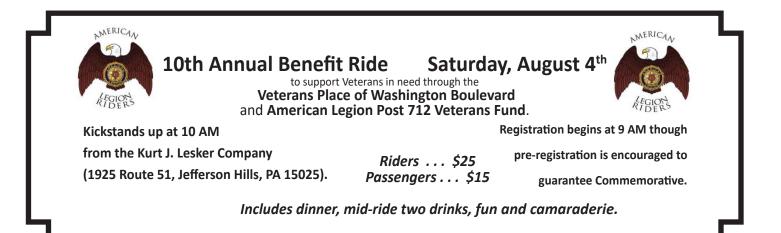
> JUNE 15 Crab Cakes

JUNE 22 City Chicken

> JUNE 29 Ribs

THE FISH WE USED TO HAVE IS BACK !!! INCLUDING THE BAKED FISH AND CAJUN FISH.





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Sons of the Legion,

The sons would like thank everyone's support who attended the bus trip to Nemacoln Casino.

Our hoagie sale was a success. Sold close to 300! Thank you to all that helped in making this fund raiser a success. And a big Thank You to all that helped in selling the hoagies as well as the volunteers that put the hoagies together on Sunday morning.

Coming next month . . . On Thursdays (opposite nights of cornhole) we will be starting new game of **Shake Rattle and Roll.** Hope to see you at legion game will start at 7:00 pm.

SAI would like to thank all our veterans that made and make our country safe. Thank you.

Gary C. Hartman, Comander of the SAL

Auxiliary Corner,

At the end of my fiscal year I would like to thank all the ladies that have been involved with everything we do for the veterans. I would like to especially thank Donna Rottman for putting up with me. A reminder that we are doing poppies on June 1st. We will also be doing them at Jefferson Cemetery for Memorial Day. The veterans are coming on June 4th and we need volunteers to help get them off and on the buses and to serve them. We also need side dishes and desserts. Please let me know what you are making for them. The next meeting will be the 4th Monday of July and more information will be coming about the picnic.

God bless and protect our troops.

Mary Ann Marunich

ALA President

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Road Captain BOB STEFANIC Greetings Legionnaires:

Please join the Riders in welcoming our newest members to Post 712 and to the Riders: **Bob Armitage, Erich Collins, Bill Figura and Christine Mansberry**. Welcome aboard! Erich and Bill are both Army Veterans – Go Army! It's always great to see new members signing on bringing with them new ideas and new energy to keep Post 712 a great place for Veterans and their families.

***The Riders 10th Annual Benefit Ride will take place on Saturday, August 4th to support Veterans in need through the Veterans Place of Washington Boulevard and the American Legion Post 712 Veterans Fund. Join us for a ride designed for riders of about 90 miles through the curvy roads and rolling hills of the Laurel Highlands to Laurel Hill State Park for a break and then return to Post 712 for great food and refreshments, 50/50s and American Auctions. Snacks and drinks provided at the break and a Police Escort for the Ride. This is a great ride for a great cause and is designed to keep the bottom of your boots clean! Commemorative, dinner, snacks and refreshments are included. Kickstands up at 10 AM from the Kurt J. Lesker Company (1925 Route 51, Jefferson Hills, PA 15025). Registration begins at 9 AM though pre-registration is encouraged to guarantee Commemorative. Riders \$25 and Passengers \$15 which includes dinner, mid-ride snacks, two drinks, fun and camaraderie.

Armed Forces Day was Saturday, May 19th. As noted in the American Legion National HQs Facebook feed, shortly after World War II, to coincide with the creation of the Department of Defense, formerly, the War Department, President Harry S. Truman led the effort to establish a single holiday for citizens to come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country. On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an, "Armed Forces Day" to replace separate Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force Days. The single day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under the Department of Defense. We honor and thank all members of our armed forces for their sacrifice, commitment and excellence.

Winner, winner chicken dinner! The Riders conducted a Gun Raffle on Armed Forces Day, May 19th with the very lucky, and very happy, winner walking away with both a Springfield Armory Saint Edge 5.56 mm AR 15 rifle AND his choice of a Glock Gen 5, 9mm handgun model 17, 19 or 26. The winning number of 541 was based on the evening drawing of the Pennsylvania Pick 3 lottery. The winning ticket was held by

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our own Riders Adjutant and Past President Lloyd Ray. Proceeds from Rider's Gun Raffles support Veterans in need in our local area. **Special thanks to Senior Road Captain Dan Oeler, Secretary Susan Dillon and Treasurer Beverly Weikel who do the heavy lifting to run these gun raffles!**

***The Riders next raffle will be conducted on Saturday, August 4th with the winner receiving a Kahr brand Thompson sub-machinegun, model Thompson 1927A-1 Deluxe, in .45 caliber (fires in semi-automatic mode only of course). The winning number is based on the Noon drawing of the Pennsylvania Lottery Pick 3 for August 4th. In addition, the winner will receive a 30-round magazine, a 50-round drum magazine and 1,000 rounds of .45 caliber ammo. Proceeds from the raffle benefit local Veterans in need through the American Legion Post 712 Veterans Fund and through the Riders partnership with the Veterans Place of Washington Boulevard (Pittsburgh). Only 250 tickets will be sold for \$20 each. Tickets will be available beginning June 4th. See a Rider for details.

Riders and friends who are able to participate in the Annual Memorial Day Remembrance events should meet at Post 712 at 1000 hours, Monday, May 28th. The Riders will receive a Police escort to Jefferson Memorial Cemetery where we, along with the Post 712 Honor Guard, will participate in two ceremonies. We will then make our way to the Bill Green Shopping Center to raise the Colors from Half-mast and then move on to Jefferson High School for a small Remembrance Ceremony. Then it's back to Post 712 to Raise the Post Colors from Half-mast and spend some time with our Veterans in remembrance.

Upcoming (formal) Rides: Saturday, June 9th is the Benefit Ride for Camp Cadet, leaving our of Hot-Metal Harley-Davidson at 1000 hours, with a Police escort. I recently met the Officers who started this ride, one with the Allegheny County Police and one with the Allegheny Sheriff's Office. These were great guys who are giving back to the community by helping kids to attend Camp Cadet. Hope to see you there.

You can check us out on our Facebook page, *American Legion Riders Post 712*. The next Riders meeting is at 1900 hours, Tuesday, July 3rd. See you there.

We Are Legion,

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Join us for a Paint Party Luncheon. Hostsed by the ALA in support of our veterans. June 10th at 1:00 pm.

There will be a Basket Raffle *Reserve your seat by June 2nd.*

\$30.00 per person
Painting materials plus lunch will be provided.
Sign-up sheet at the bar
or
Contact Lisa at 412-758-9116





REMEMBERED ALWAYS

I would like to thank the members who helped put flags on the graves at the local cemeteries. I apologise for not getting the names of all the volunteers. It was nice to see the ALA represented by Patty O'toole. I consider it both as an honor and privilege to place the flags on the fallen veterans that went before us.

It reinforces the true meaning of Memorial Day. Some of the new volunteers were surprised to see the ages on the tomb stones. They go back to the Civil War and a few clear back to the Revolutionary War. Many of these graves are forgotten or out lived their families and friends. It is up to us to carry on the tradition, "Remember We are all Brothers in Arms. It proves they will never be forgotten.



Future events coming to the Legion...

• The Riders will have a raffle for another gun, on Armed Forces Day. They will donate \$1000 of the proceeds to the Post 712 Veterans Fund.

• June 4th - Veterans Hospital residents will be visiting the Legion for a day out with fellow comrades and dinner. Many visitors will be in wheel chairs. We need volunteers to assist with getting them to and from the bus. Let the bartender know if you would be available.

• June 10th at 1 PM - A Paint Party Luncheon, including a Basket Raffle, will be hosted by the ALA in support of our veterans. Please reserve your seat by June 2nd. Cost will be \$30. You can sign-up at the Legion or contact Lisa at 412-758-9116.

• We have leagues for pool, bowling, corn hole and golf. If you would like to join any of these, let the bartender know and someone will contact you.

• We have pool, bowling and corn hole in addition to bingo, internet juke box (that you can program from your smart phone), Blotto daily number and other games like LRC (Left, Right, Center).

• If you're hungry, our 'Soldiers Place' kitchen is open daily Wed-Sun.

• View future events in our Monthly Newsletter or our Facebook Photo Album section or on our web site alpost712pa.org

Don Rottman